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THE SILVER BOW JUDGMENT.

Messrs. McPhatton and Hamilton, the rival claimants for the district judgeship in Silver Bow county, have acted with wisdom and patriotism in placing their resignations in the hands of the governor. Mr. Hamilton held a state returning board certificate and Mr. McPhatton held the certificate of the county clerk. Both took the oath of office and the result was the organization of two so-called courts, the complete democratization of public business and the obstruction of justice. The continuance of the deadlock in the legislature proves the fix. Of any term of the supreme court and consequently no immediate decision can be given by that tribunal on the case pending before it to determine which district judge has a valid title.

Litigants before the district court are in need of immediate relief and Messrs. McPhatton and Hamilton have met the emergency by tendering their resignations.

One of the other of these gentlemen can now be appointed by the governor and go upon the bench with an unclouded title. Neither has surrendered any principle involved in the contest and both have shown themselves to be worthy citizens, willing to sink self for the public good.

While it has been generally assumed that irrigation was the only method of redeeming and making fertile the arid lands of the west, the department of agriculture has been making experiments which go to show that desert land may be made productive by pulverizing the soil thoroughly and mulching it with straw. Selecting a spot near Gardiner City, Kan., as a type of the arid region, the ground was broken and pulverized, and sown in various crops. A part of this land was mulched with straw, the rest being left naked. At harvest time it was seen that the mulched land produced a good crop, while upon the unmulched land nothing matured.

Democratic newspapers still continue to speculate upon the Montana senatorships and in every case their speculations are confined to republican candidates, thereby conceding the right of the republicans to elect senators.—Herald.

Not at all. We assume that you intend to steal two seats in the senate, if you can get them. That revolutionary and outrageous ruling of Rickards the other day showed that most conclusively. We don't concede that there is any right about it at all, but we have no doubt that you intend to keep on in the downward path and send two men elected by fraud to Washington. The only question is as to who the precious pair will be.

The outside world still persists in calling a spade a spade when contemplating Montana politics. Thus the St. Louis Republic says that "the republicans of Montana, finding a constitutional provision in the way of their plan of organizing the state senate, disposed of the constitution by the chair's ruling that it did not apply until after the organization was effected. This is good republican logic. It suspends the law against burglary until after the burglary is committed and the burglar has made off with his plunder."

HELENA is right in the fashionable swim, and don't you forget it. The Russian influenza after titillating the scornful nostrils of the nobility of the old world, the cultured and classic prosodies of Boston, the up-titled and contemptuous nasal appendages of aristocratic New York, the Chicago river head-scenters of the Illinois metropolis, has begun to tickle the graceful Helena nose; or, as they would say over in Butte, "We've got it right up the snout."

The esteemed Herald quizzically observes: "Knowles, Mills, White, Galbraith—these are men of senatorial size, on some one of whom the republicans beyond the range would do well to unite if they expect one of the senatorial seats to be realized to their geographical locality." Well, well, that's a fine Christmas present for Lee Mantle! Not exactly a Christmas stocking, but a Christmas boot, as it were.

The Honorable Henri Jemini has been knocked out in round number one yesterday by the old Warhorse of the Rockies, but the referee gave him until Saturday to gain his second wind and we have firm faith that the Warhorse will yet be done up in his straw suit—bag pardon, law suit, for that senatorial chair and cupid. Just wait till Henri Jemini gets warmed up to his work.

MONTANA will be measured by the calibre of men chosen to represent the state in the national senate.—Herald.

But more by the manner in which they get there.

The Hon. Lee Mantle's newspaper heartily approves the revolutionary conduct of Lieut. Gov. Rickards in paving the way for the Hon. Lee Mantle to go to Washington and cool his heels out-

side of the senate chamber. How impressive!

Everybody will heartily wish Miss Montana a merry Christmas and that she may find the key to the deadlock in her stocking.

What's Rickards' reward going to be, anyway? Have the conspirators been playing him for a gudgeon after all?

GRADY'S LAST WORDS.

In his last public utterance, at the banquet of the Boston merchants a few days ago, the late Henry W. Grady made a most eloquent and convincing appeal for fairplay to the south. Said he:

In the South there are negro lawyers, teachers, editors, dentists, doctors, preachers, working in peace and multiplying with the increasing ability of their race to support them. In villages and towns they have their military companies equipped from the armories of the state, their churches and societies built and supported largely by their neighbors. What is the testimony of the courts? In penal legislation we have steadily reduced felonies to misdemeanors, and have led the world in mitigating punishment for crime, that we might save, as far as possible, this dependent race from its own weakness. In our penitentiary record 99 per cent of the prisoners are negroes, and in every court the negro criminal strikes the colored juror, that white men may judge his case. In the North one negro in every 150 is in jail—in the South only one in 446. In the North the percentage of negro prisoners is six times as great as that of native whites—in the South only four times as great. If prejudice wrongs him in Southern courts, the record shows it to be deeper in Northern courts.

Now, Mr. President, can it be seriously maintained that we are terrorizing the people from whose willing hands comes every year \$1,000,000,000 of farm crops, or have robbed a people who twenty-five years from unrequited slavery have assessed in one state \$30,000,000 of property? or that we intend to oppress as the people that we are running every day? or deceive them when we are educating them to the utmost of our ability? or outlaw them when we work side by side with them? or re-enslave them under legal forms when for their benefit we have even imprudently narrowed the limit of felonies and mitigated the severity of law? My fellow-countrymen, as you yourselves may sometime have to appeal at the bar of human judgment for justice and for right, give to my people to-night the fair and unanswerable conclusion of these incontrovertible facts!

Montana's Freshness.

New York World: Under the peculiar rulings of Lieutenant-Governor Rickards, who appears to be an able exponent of statecraft as practiced by republicans, the Montana senate was organized yesterday. The body was a tie, and the democratic members had refused to vote to organize until one or the other of the rival houses of representatives had been declared the legal body and had come to some agreement to adjust its own differences.

On a motion to proceed to the election of officers the democratic seat is demanded the yeas and nays. Rickards ruled against the democrats, of course, and when his ruling was shown to be in violation of a provision in the constitution of the new state he promptly ruled that the constitution did not apply to the proceedings of the senate, and would not until the body was organized. The constitution of the new state has a majority rule clause, but when the republican senators nominated a candidate for president pro tempore Rickards decided that the seven republican votes cast for president constituted a majority of the sixteen members of the senate. The democratic senators declined to vote.

In this manner was the Montana senate organized, and the body will in the same manner now proceed to recognize the illegal republican house of representatives and choose two republican United States senators.

The Editor's Appeal.

An editor who had been pounding away at his delinquent subscribers for some time, finally brought them to their senses of duty with the following poetical parody:

"Lives of poor men often remind us, honest toil don't stand a chance; more we work we leave behind us bigger patches on our pants. On our pants once new and glossy now are patches of different hue; all because subscribers linger and won't pay what is due. Then let all be up and doing; send in your mite be it so small, or when the snows of winter strikes us we shall have no pants at all."—Minneapolis Journal.

An Anxious Week.

"Goin' to buy any Christmas gifts?" queried one bootblack of the other in the postoffice corridor.

"Can't tell."

"Hain't ye got the money?"

"Yep."

"Then why?"

"Well, I'm a waitin'. If pap and me get along all right he's goin' to git a 50c jack-knife. If me an' mam don't have a row I'm goin' to buy her new stockings."

"When'll you know?"

"Can't say. Pap may lick me this noon or hold himself in until the day after Christmas, and mam may whale me after I git to bed to-night or forget it for a hull month."

"But you'll have to do sunthin', won't you?"

"I g'pose so, but it is awful hard on a boy to have both his parents on their good behavior just at this time of year, after lickin' him every other day all the rest of the year."

The St. Paul Ice Palace.

The plans for the ice palace of 1890 were accepted to-day, says a late St. Paul dispatch, and construction will be begun as soon as there is ice enough in the Mississippi. The castle will be 300 feet long and will vary in width from 18 to 203 feet. There will be one large central tower, 54 feet square, and rising in the air to a height of 120 feet. Seven smaller towers will be erected at different angles, their height ranging from 40 to 80 feet. The towers are almost purely ornamental in design. Starting at the main entrance, either from the east or west side the visitor will enter the main tower, looking to right and left down long vistas to the royal apartments at one end, and a large amphitheater at the other. The apartments of Borealis Rex and suite consist of a banquet hall and the queen's apartments, containing in all eight rooms. These are located at the east end of the palace. The amphitheater is a large circular inclosure, 100 feet in diameter, with a realistic scene at the extreme end, and niches in the wall filled with statuary. The vista will be about 300 feet long and from 80 to 40 feet wide, and will be decorated with ice arches and sprayed evergreens, intermingled with many colored electric lights. The cost of the structure will be \$150,000.

THE EPIDEMIC IN HELENA.

The Influence of Travel From Russia to the Capital of Montana.

A report having been started that epidemic influenza had reached Helena, the reporter of the Independent interviewed a number of physicians on the subject, with the following result: Dr. Tracy said that he had two cases under his care that showed symptoms very similar to those described in the epidemic influenza. He could not say positively whether the disease was the same. One of the patients had just arrived from St. Paul, and the symptoms were first manifested by a continual sneezing, followed by a chill and severe frontal headache, and at last a congestion of the lungs. One of his patients had been laid up six days, but was now getting along nicely. He added that it would prove serious for adults if promptly treated; but it would be less so for children and infants. He thought the high altitude and light pure air of Montana would have a tendency to lighten the attack and render the disease less severe, in case an epidemic should set in, than in a country where there was more moisture and dampness.

Dr. Bullard said there was a great deal of influenza, but in his practice he had found nothing different from what we have always had here. "We begin to sneeze, influenza follows and it sometimes runs through whole families; but it doesn't require a Russian name. It's the same old American influenza."

Dr. Atchison said he had seen nothing more than ordinary influenza, caused from colds contracted during changeable weather. "We should guard against not taking colds," said the doctor, "which are the basis of nearly all our sickness. Of course, influenza is prevalent, but it is not epidemic; although it is possible we may have it, it seems to be on both sides of us, and is carried everywhere by the winds. I hope it will not come, however, as we have enough of our own, without any new importation." Dr. Rockman thinks there are no genuine cases here. At least he has not seen any. He thinks if it comes here it will be in a mild form, as our climate is not suited to such diseases. The altitude is too high and the air is too pure.

Dr. Do go thinks it will not be here, but if it does come it will be in a mild form. The air is too light and dry in Montana for the disease to make much headway. It is worst in low, damp districts.

Drs. Reed and Steele do not believe there is any epidemic influenza in the city. There are many cases of influenza, but not such as is described in the accounts of the disease now prevailing in Europe.

Dr. Nichols in speaking of this epidemic says he does not believe that it could exist to any extent in Montana on account of the dry atmosphere here. It is only prevalent where the atmosphere is moist. Montana is not in a germ breeding section. He has not yet come across a case of epidemic influenza in Helena and believes if it does come it will not prove dangerous unless it affects some old people who have weak lungs. He says it is due to some microorganism which floats in the air and which infects the human system, but is generally killed in so doing, for influenza is but slightly, if at all, contagious.

Several horses have lately been attacked with influenza, but whether it belongs to the epidemic sort is not known. It is described as follows: The stomach becomes inflated with gas, which causes sickness, and if the animal is not promptly relieved, the gas is forced into the lungs, causing suffocation and death. It has been found necessary in one instance to insert a tube into the stomach of a valuable animal in order to let the gas escape and thereby save the animal's life. The disease requires prompt attention. Several horses have died from the complaint, which seems to be the same as that which attacks human beings. It takes very much as if the epidemic had reached Helena.

The Medical Record says some feeling of alarm prevails lest this epidemic be a precursor to cholera, as was the case in 1831 and 1847. There have been, however, plenty of cholera epidemics without preceding influenza, and a great many influenza epidemics without cholera. The microorganisms of the two diseases are as essentially different as are the diseases themselves. The cholera germ lives in water and soil, the influenza germ in the air.

Success in Business.

A writer to the St. Louis American, commenting on the popular statistical assertion that only three out of every hundred men are successful in business, says that lately an investigation was made by a number of firms to see what became of the working human power for which they were called on to pay a portion of which they believed ran to waste, thus unnecessarily increasing their expense account. It was found, in one instance, that 65 per cent was wasted and every case it was shown that there was a large quantity of unexpended power for which no productive return was made to the firm interested and paying therefor. Whether the same ratio of successful to unsuccessful men is maintained with regard to the insurance business we are not prepared to say. In making this remark the writer successful as applicable to those who work constantly and with proper energy during prescribed business hours. It is obvious that many assurance agents, pushing, active and diligent, though they are, in the main do not accomplish all they have the capacity for, because they have this "waste of power" to contend against. Men whose remuneration is contingent on results rarely see the advantage of setting aside certain hours of the day for study, during which they should canvass as persistently as they would on any other duty devolving upon them. It is well enough to get the virtues of life insurance in a general way, but a man with more or less success in getting business; but we venture to assert that no agent, assuming he has ordinary ability, will fail to make his mark if he keeps steadily at work day in and day out, putting in regular time canvassing. It may be irksome at first to thus bind oneself down to a routine of hours, but it will convince the most skeptical that it has great advantages, prominent among which is consciousness that success has not been hindered by "waste of power" in letting the time go without utilizing every opportunity to press forward in the race for advancement in life.

The Pinky Ring.

"Pinky rings," said the dy young man behind a big diamond, "are worn on the little finger as a memorial of something or other."

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Prof. Hahn and Walters, of the Montana Business College, were nicely remembered last evening in the way of a handsome office chair, the gift of the students. Also, Fred. Boland received a fine volume of Evanson's poems from the same source. These tokens are highly appreciated by the recipients who wish that the donors may all live to see the return of "A Merry Christmas" many times.

MARRIED.
 DUNLEVY-CARLISLE—By Rev. F. D. Kelsey, Mr. Ralph P. Dunlevy and Miss Nettie M. Carlisle, Dec. 24, last, at Springdale Ranch, Lewis and Clark county, Mont.
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